



Countdown to Construction: Major I-17 Improvement Work to Begin This Spring.

We want to share an update on improvements for the Interstate 17 corridor north of Loop 101.

The State Transportation Board has approved funding from the Statewide Acceleration Needs Account (STAN) to advance the construction start date to 2009 for a third general purpose lane from SR 74 (Carefree Highway) to Anthem Way. This project was originally scheduled to be constructed in 2023, according to the timeframe outlined in the voter-approved Regional Transportation Plan. Construction of the HOV lane along this section of I-17 is planned for Phase IV of the plan (2021-2025), based on the current schedule.

In other news, construction of I-17 improvements between Loop 101 and the Carefree Highway are set to begin this spring. Here's an overview of the projects and their anticipated construction start dates:

Scheduled Construction Start Dates

Spring 2007

New interchanges at Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive

Summer 2007

Construction of a new Carefree Highway interchange

Winter 2007

Addition of new lanes from Loop 101 to Jomax Road
(one general purpose lane, one HOV lane)

Deer Valley Road interchange improvements

Spring 2008

Addition of lanes from Jomax Road to Carefree Highway

New interchanges at Dove Valley and Lone Mountain roads
(future connection to Loop 303)

All I-17 improvement projects from Loop 101 to the Carefree Highway are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2009. Once improvements are underway to Carefree Highway, construction can begin on a widening project north of Carefree Highway to Anthem Way.

We will keep you posted prior to the start of construction for each of these projects, and also send regular construction updates about planned work activities, and construction/traffic management plans from the contractors.

Please contact us if you have any questions, concerns or comments about I-17 improvements north of Loop 101.

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